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ITEM# 1801 (03891)  
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SPECIFICATION FOR: ITALIAN BLEND

LABEL: FLAV-R-PAC/AMERICAN HARVEST

BUYER: NORPAC

PACKAGE SIZE: 6/4 LBS.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Product, production procedures, and packaging used shall conform to good manufacturing practices and all Federal, State, and Local regulations.

COUNTRY of ORIGIN: USA

INGREDIENT STATEMENT: Zucchini, Cauliflower, Carrots, Italian Type Green Beans, Lima Beans, Red Peppers, Salt.

VARIETIES: No GMO Varieties Allowed

GRADE: Individual components shall meet USDA Grade Standards where applicable. Grade A for all components.

INGREDIENTS	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	TARGET%	RANGE%	SCORE
ZUCCHINI GREEN	3/8" Qtr. Cr. Sl.	(22-0031)	25%	±5%	36
CAULIFLOWER	¾"-1¼" Lo- A	(09-0055)	24%	±5%	18
CARROTS, KS4	3/8" Cr. Sl. ½"-1"	(07-0009)	23%	±5%	27
ITALIAN BEANS	R16, 1 ½" Cut	(06-0005)	18%	±5%	37
LIMA BEANS	Baby, Lo- A	(82-0004)	7%	±2%	95/5
RED PEPPERS	3/8", Diced	(84-0035)	3%	±1%	

COLOR: **GRADE A** -- Shall have good color. The basic vegetable blend as a mass and the individual ingredients are bright and characteristic of young, tender vegetables.  
Baby Limas: 95% green, and no more than 0.5% white maximum

SIZE: **Zucchini:** Qtr. Cr. Sl., 3/8" (4/16"-7/16") thickness crinkle cuts, quartered from 1"-2" diameter, measured at the widest diameter of the head. 90%/wt. must be within this range.  
**Cauliflower:** ¾"-1¼" diameter. 90%/wt. must be within this range.  
**Carrots:** Crinkle Sliced Cuts KS4. Diameter ½"-1" (4/16"-7/16") thickness. 90%/wt. must be within these ranges.  
**Italian Type Green Beans:** 1½" Cuts. Maximum 10%by ct. <3/4".  
**Lima Beans:** Field Run  
**Red Peppers:**  
Diced 3/8".The units are practically uniform in size and the aggregate weight of all the units which are noticeably smaller than one-half the area of an average sized unit and of all markedly large and irregular-shaped units does not exceed 10 percent of all the units.

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DEFECTS:	<u>GRADE A</u> -- Practically free of defects. Defects present shall not more than slightly affect the appearance or edibility of the product. The presence of small pieces and/or chaff does not more than slightly affect the overall appearance of the product. Defects/32oz. (2 lbs.) SERIOUS DAMAGE: 2 Units MODERATE DAMAGE: 5 Units TOTAL (slight, serious, and moderate) 19 Units H.E.M.: 1 Unit
CHARACTER:	<u>GRADE A</u> -- Shall have good character. As a mass, the character shall be typical of vegetables that have reached a proper stage of maturity and have been properly processed.
FLAVOR & AROMA:	Shall possess good flavor and aroma, typical of properly processed frozen vegetables. No off flavors or odors.
SAMPLE SIZE:	32oz. (Ratios-Entire Package)
BLANCHING:	Shall be adequate to maintain uniform texture of final cooked product. Lima Beans shall be double blanched for cooked product tenderness.
FREEZING:	The vegetables shall be promptly frozen in accordance with the best quick-freezing method(s).
CODING:	NORPAC CODING SYSTEM
STORAGE/HANDLING:	The merchandise must not show evidence of improper storage or handling usually denoted by the presence of refrozen, discolored or dehydrated product. STORAGE TEMPERATURE: 0°F. and below. SHELF LIFE: 24 MONTHS. METAL DETECTION REQUIRED

MICROBIOLOGICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

APC..... <100,000/g  
Coliform..... <100/g  
E. coli..... <10/g  
Staph +..... <10/g

NOTES:

1. 08/2013 New item specification for FLAV-R-PAC/American Harvest Label.
2. 09/2014 Updated specification and micro. Change Carrot category from 07-0014 5/8"-7/8" KS4X to 07-0009 1/2"-1" KS4 per Repack request.
3. 09/2014 Name change from Italian Vegetables to Italian Blend per NIFS.
4. 10/2017 Updated.
5. 08/2018 Updated.
6. 06/2019 Category change for Zucchini to Non-GMO.
7. 03/2020 Updated. Added OPC item number.

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